

A satellite image of Earth showing a large ice sheet covering a significant portion of the continent of Antarctica. The ice sheet is white and textured, with some blue areas indicating thinner ice or meltwater. The surrounding ocean is dark blue.

# ISSM Ice Sheet System Model

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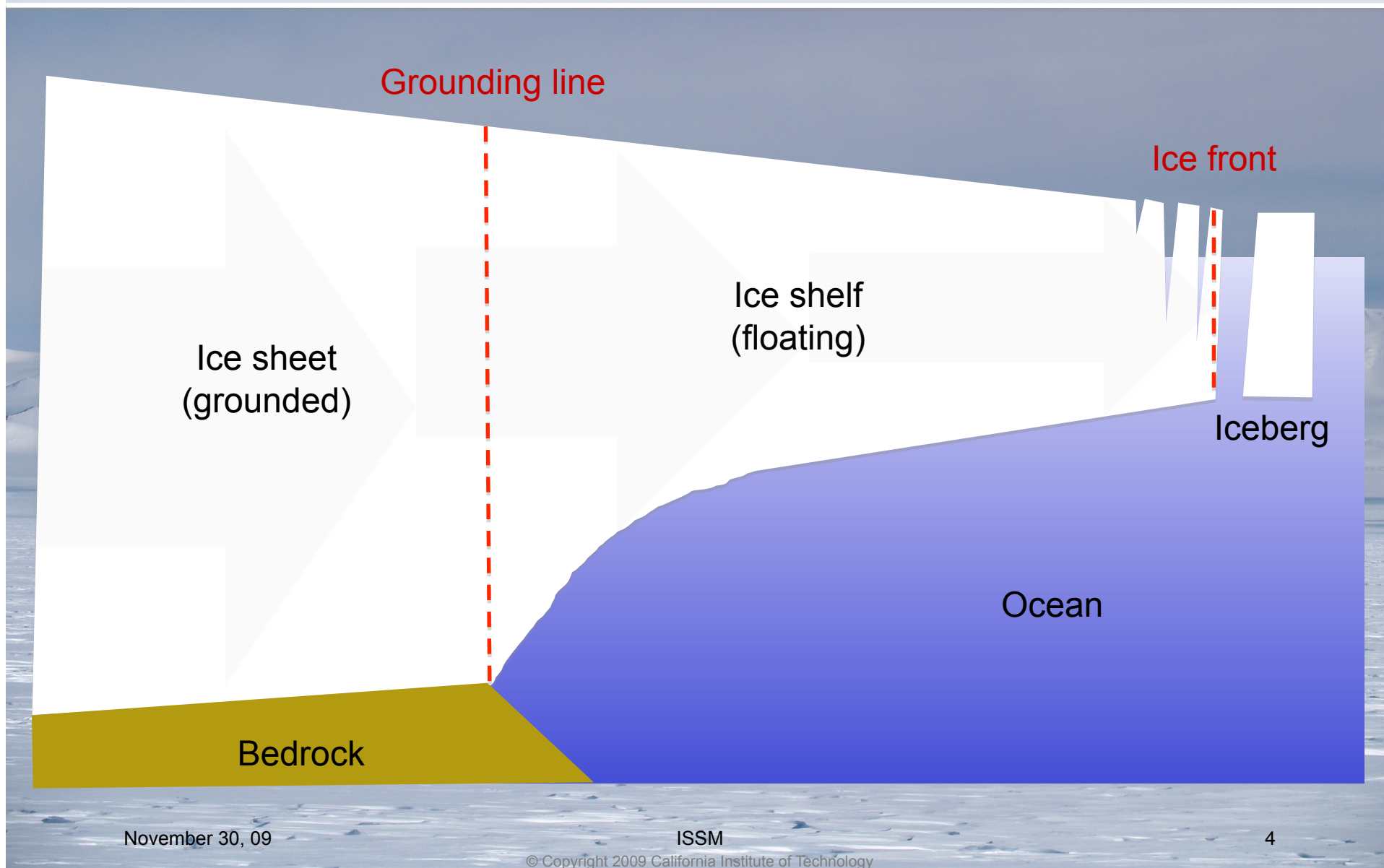
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- ISSM: Ice Sheet System Model
- JPL/UCI collaboration to develop large-scale, high-resolution ice-sheet modeling with remote sensing data assimilation
- Hosted in Matlab (ease of use), written in C++ (efficiency), parallelized using Petsc libraries and MPI communications
- Large-scale capability (Antarctica)
- Multi-resolution (~500m ice stream to 100km inland)
- Multi-model (2d, 3d, 2d/3d coupled, full Stokes)
- Team members:
  - Eric Rignot (team manager)
  - Eric Larour (development manager)
  - Hélène Seroussi
  - Mathieu Morlighem



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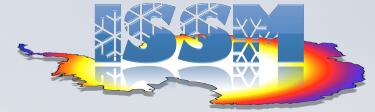
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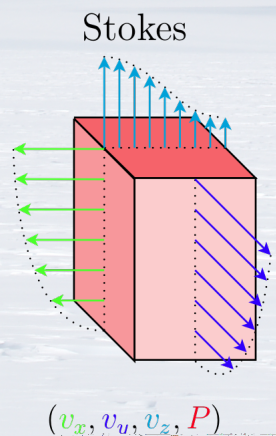
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### Ice flow model: Stokes



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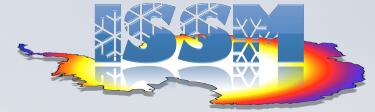
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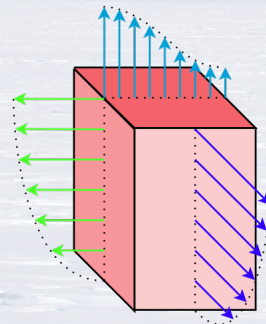
Ice flow model: Pattyn



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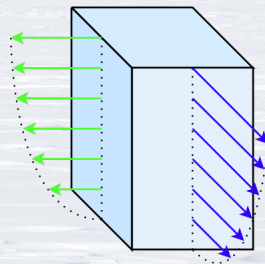
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Stokes



$(v_x, v_y, v_z, P)$

Pattyn

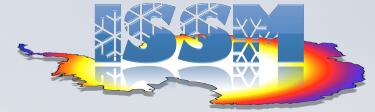


$(v_x, v_y)$



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Ice flow model: MacAyeal



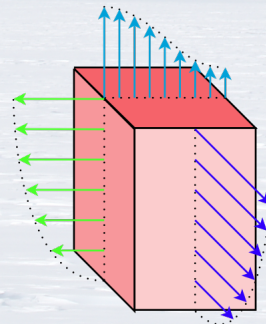
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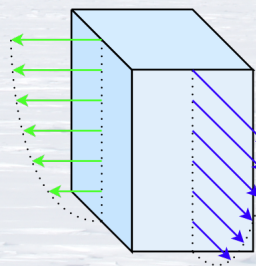
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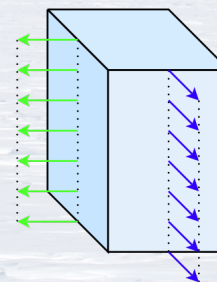
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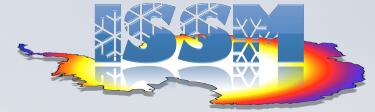


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### Ice flow model: Hutter



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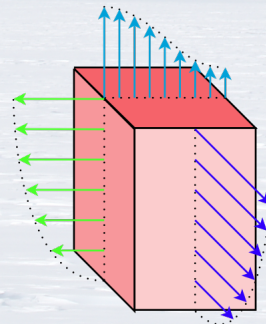
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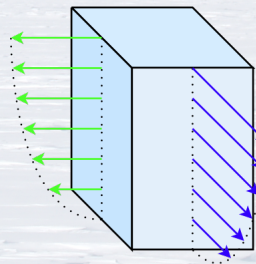
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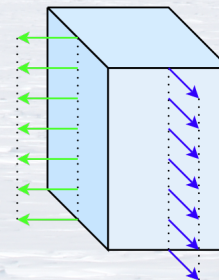
Hutter (SIA)



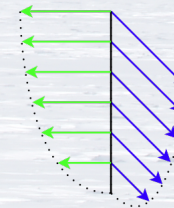
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### Thermal regime



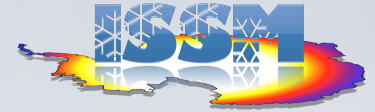
- Energy balance:
  - Heat transport: conduction & advection
  - Heat sources: basal friction & deformational heating
- Boundary conditions:
  - imposed surface temperature
  - ocean / geothermal flux

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = - \left( \mathbf{v}_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \mathbf{v}_y \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + \mathbf{v}_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{k_{th}}{\rho c} \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \right) + \frac{\Phi}{\rho c}$$



## 2. Ice sheet modeling

Mass conservation: geometry evolution



- Mass conservation
  - Input
    - Mass influx
    - Surface accumulation
  - Output
    - Mass outflux
    - Bottom melting

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} = -\text{div} \left( H \begin{bmatrix} \bar{v}_x \\ \bar{v}_y \end{bmatrix} \right) + \dot{M}_s - \dot{M}_b$$

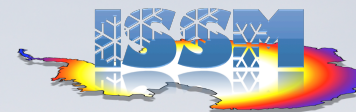


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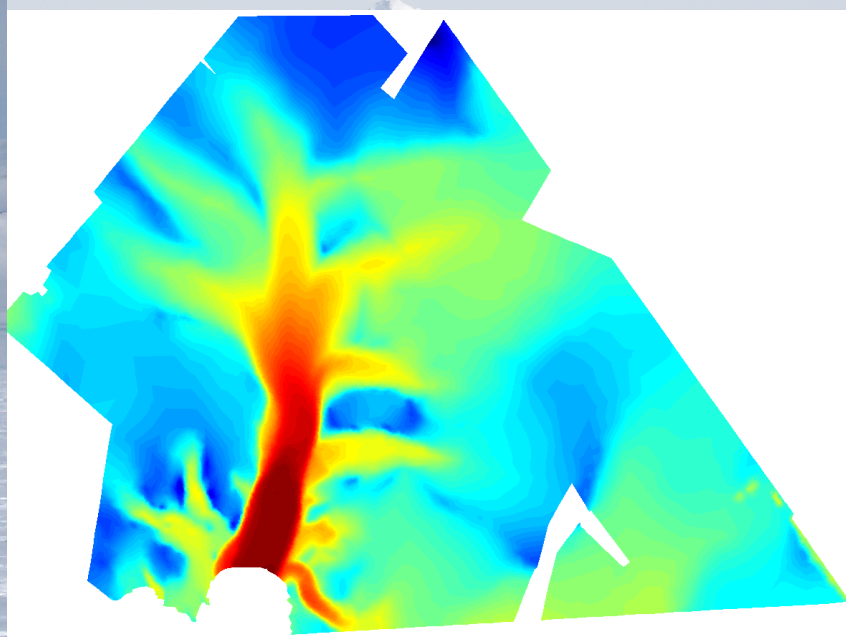


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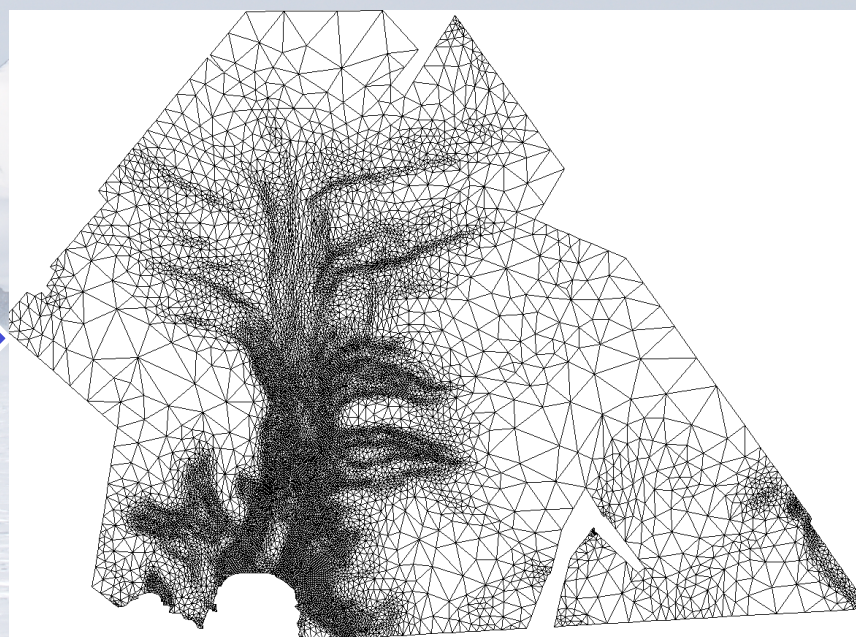
#### Mesh generation



- Finite elements
- Triangular mesh (extruded if 3d)
- Anisotropic mesh adaptation, Yams (INRIA, Pascal Frey)



Observed velocity



Adapted mesh

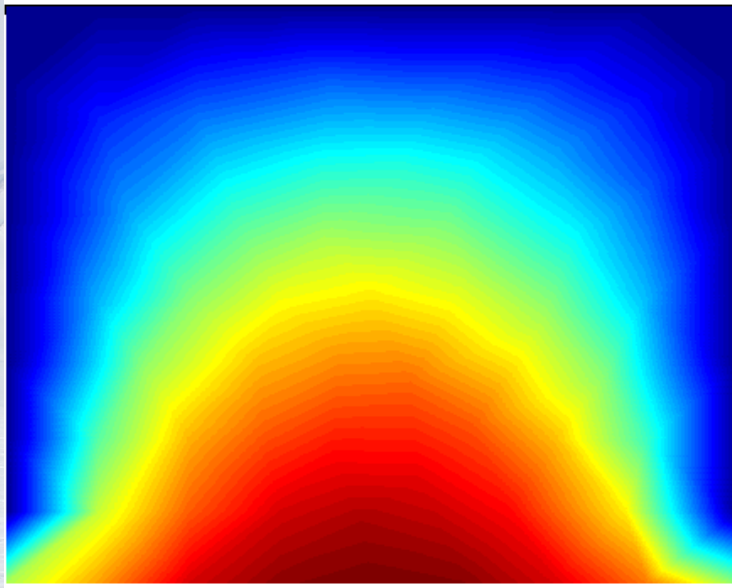


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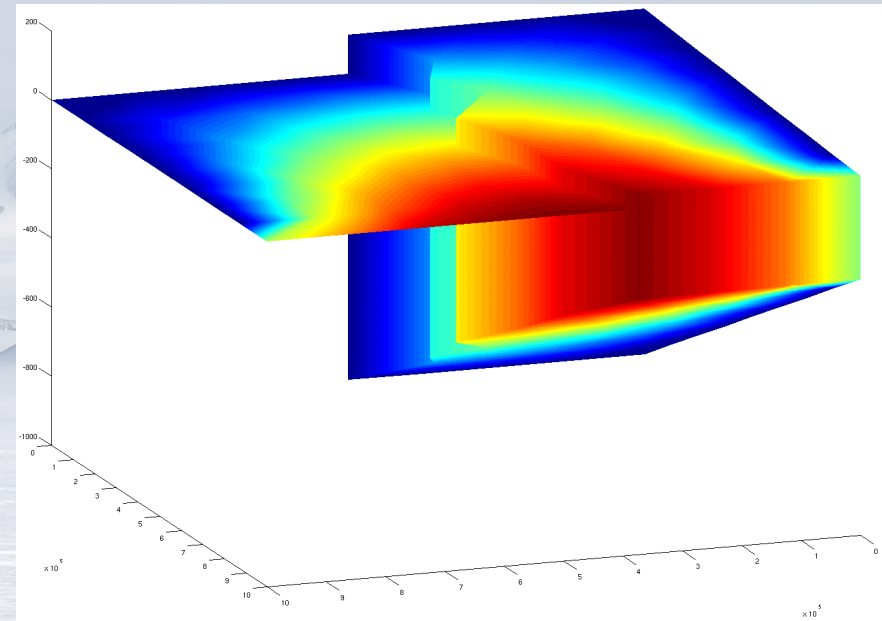
#### Ice flow models implementation



- Multi-model: different models are connected using Rigid Body Motion connectors, or method of penalties.



Surface velocity

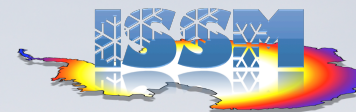


3d view



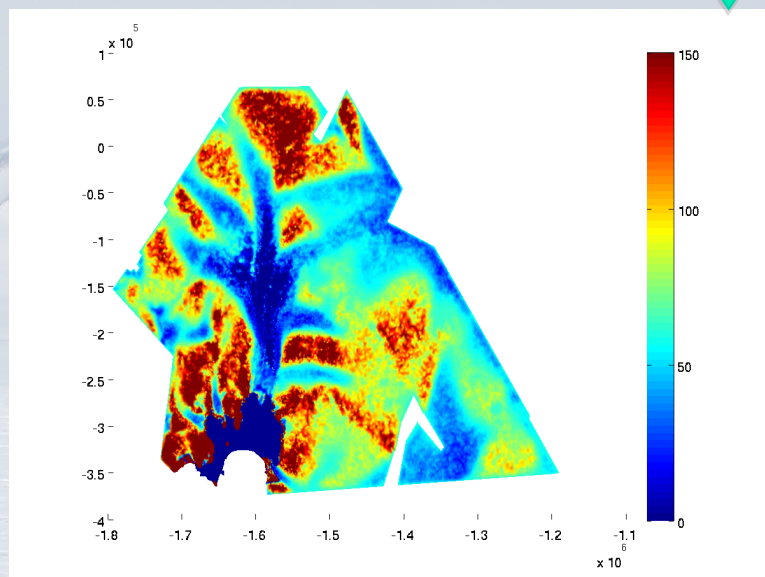
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### Data assimilation: control methods

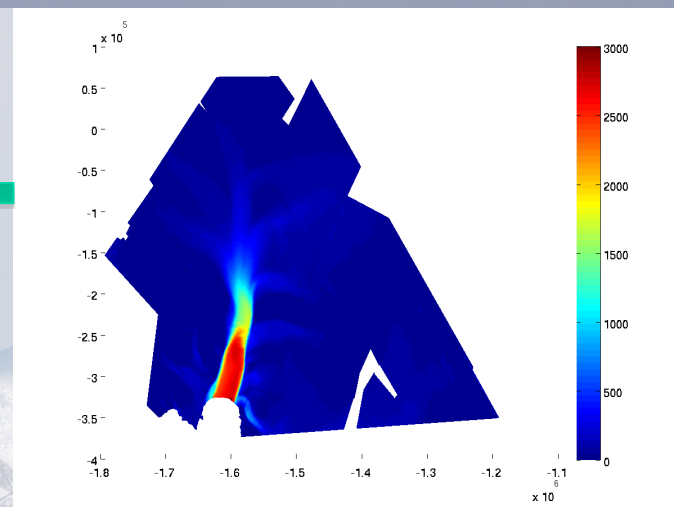


Find the spatial pattern of basal drag that minimizes the misfit between the observed and the modeled velocities

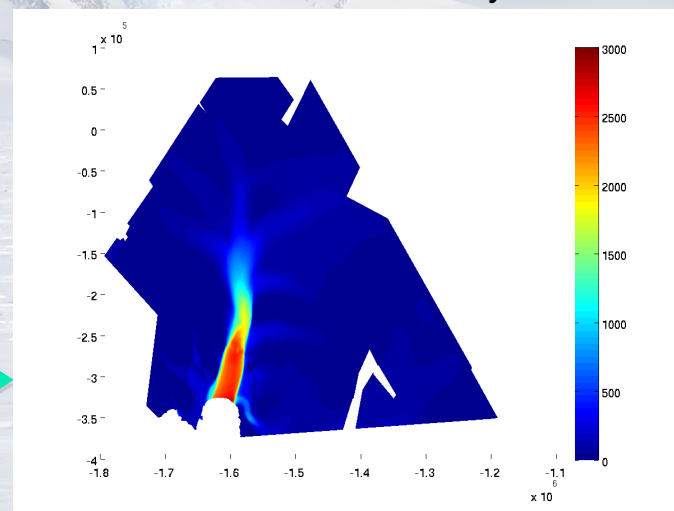
$$\vec{\tau}_b = -\alpha^2 N_{eff}^r \|\vec{v}\|^{s-1} \vec{u}_b$$



Drag coefficient  $\alpha$



Observed velocity



Modeled velocity



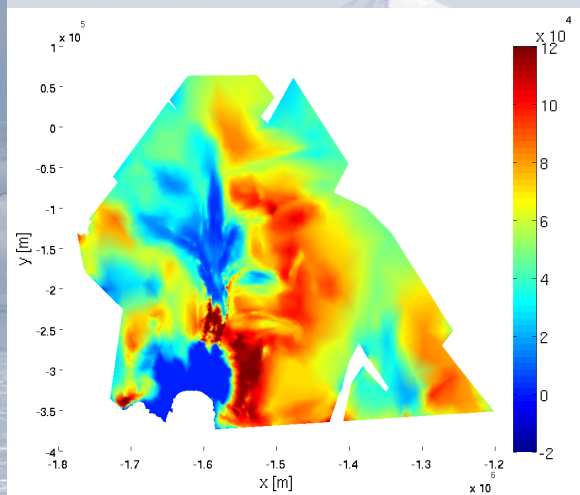
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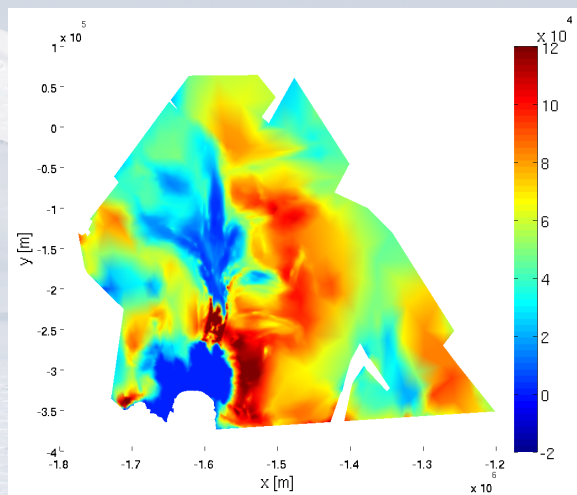


Higher-order data assimilation:

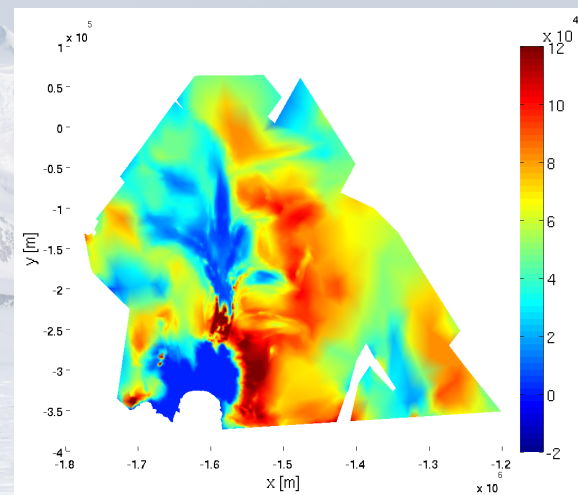
- MacAyeal, Pattyn and Stokes formulations at the basin level



2D MacAyeal  
Basal drag (kPa)



3D Pattyn  
Basal drag (kPa)



3D Stokes  
Basal drag (kPa)



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### Data assimilation: Continental level

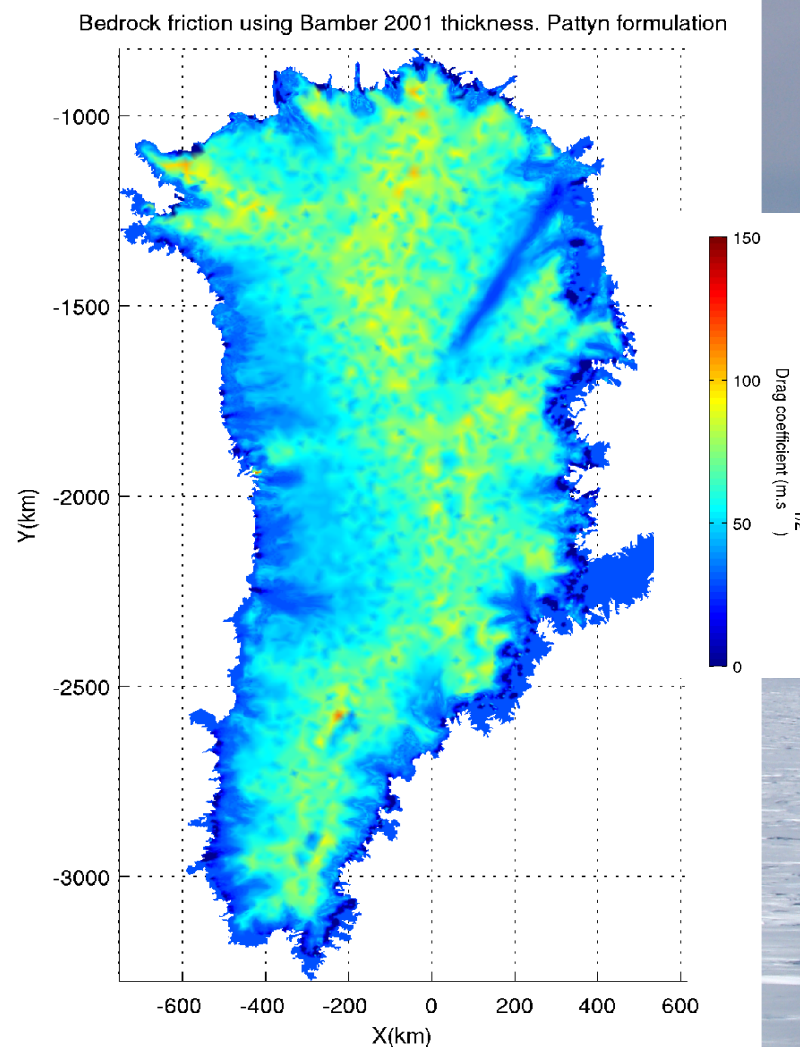


#### Model:

- Data assimilation for basal drag using surface velocity from InSAR (Rignot) + balanced velocities (Bamber 2001)

#### Run statistics:

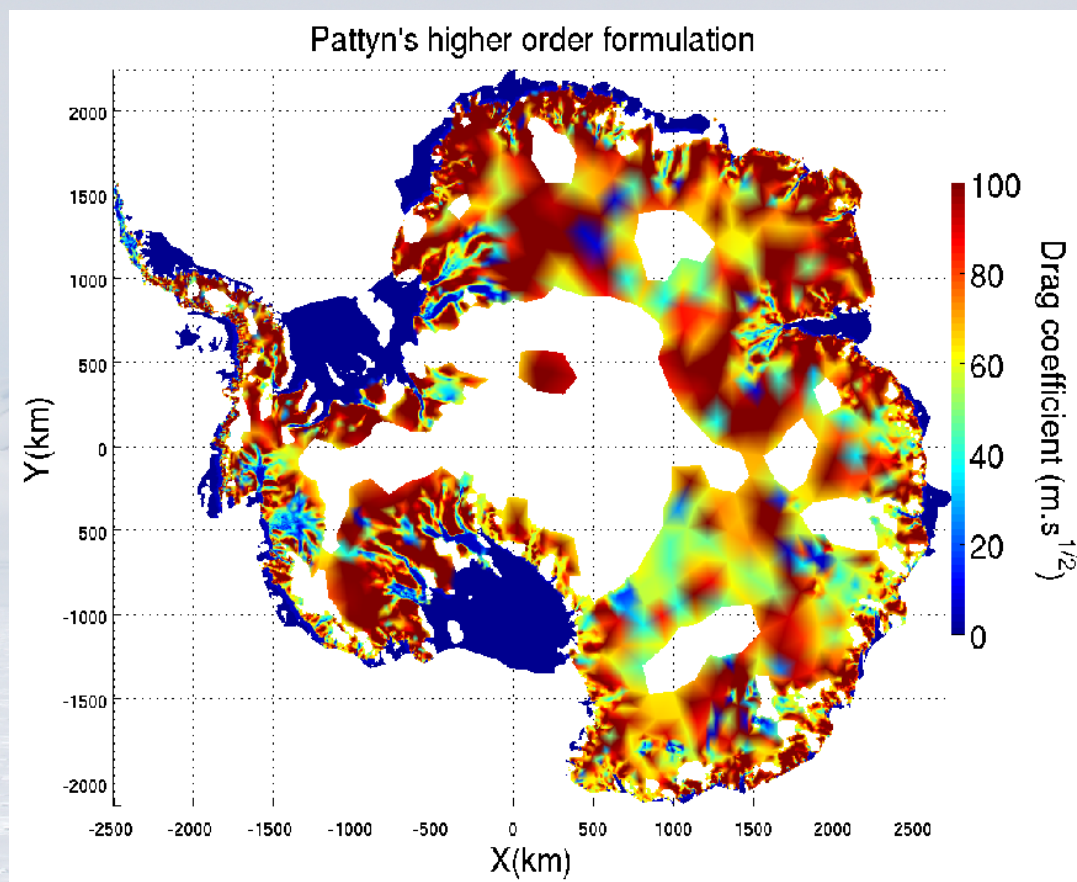
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- 500 m resolution at basins, 10 km inland
- 10 vertical layers





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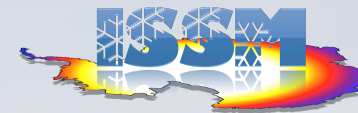
#### Run statistics:

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- 1.5km resolution at basins  
10 km inland
- 10 vertical layers

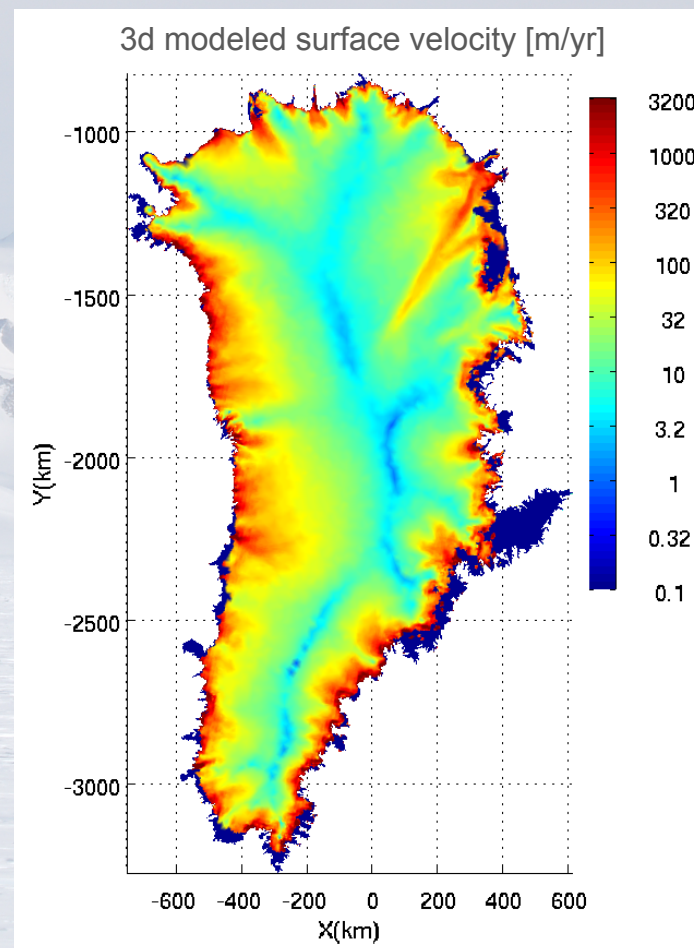
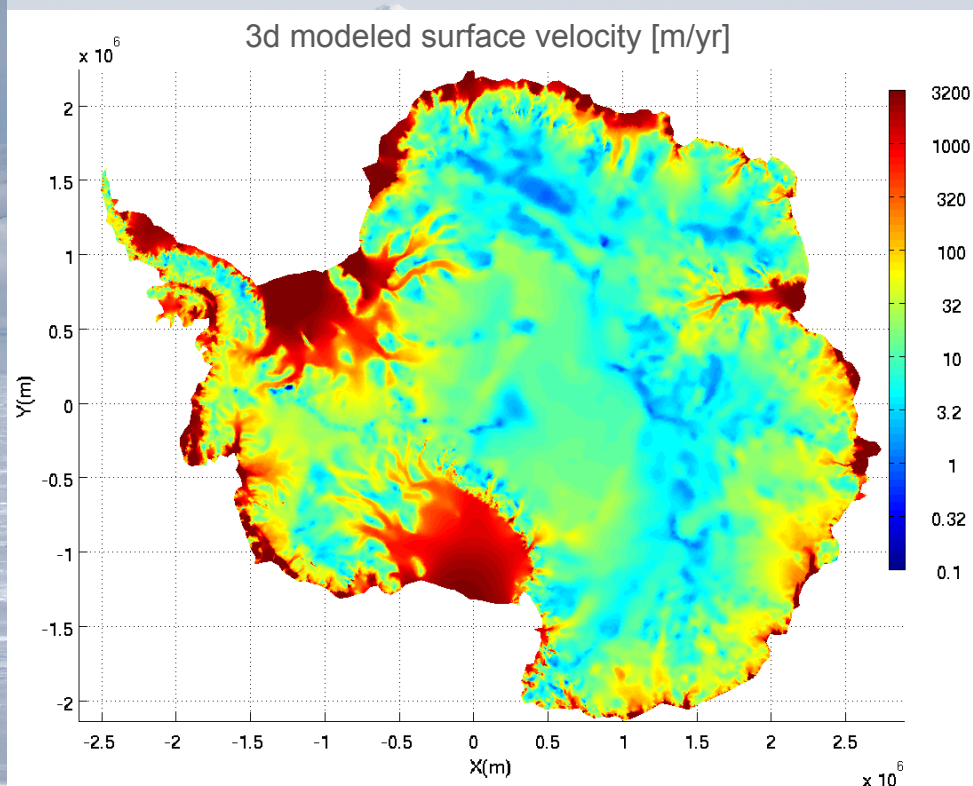


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### Spatial resolution and geographic coverage



- Large scale capability:
  - 5 million dof on 256 CPU cluster (shared or distributed memory)
  - ~1 km resolution on Antarctica's ice streams
  - < 1km resolution on Greenland basins
  - 10 vertical layers



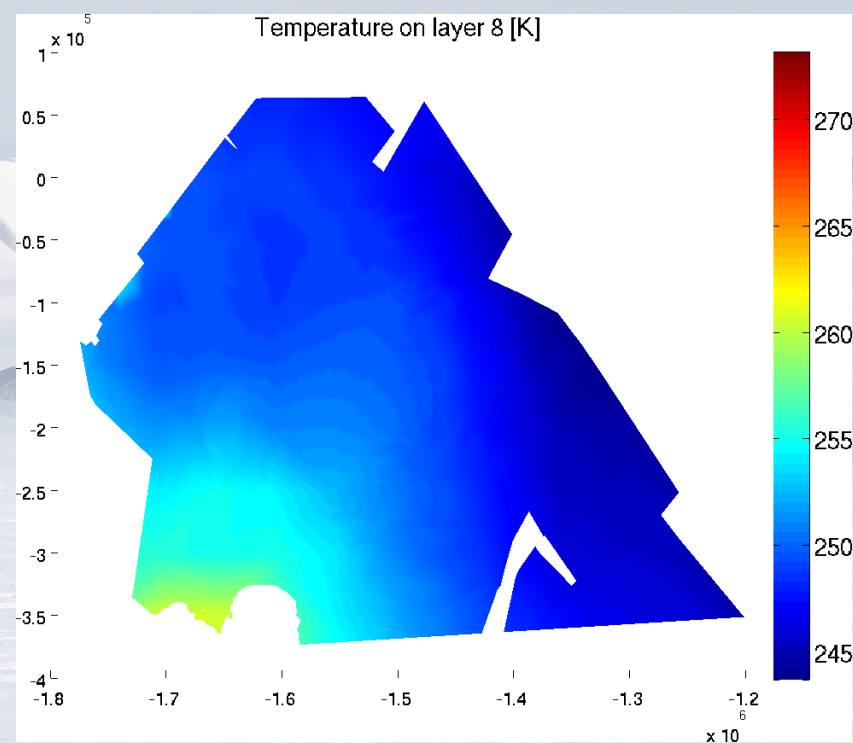
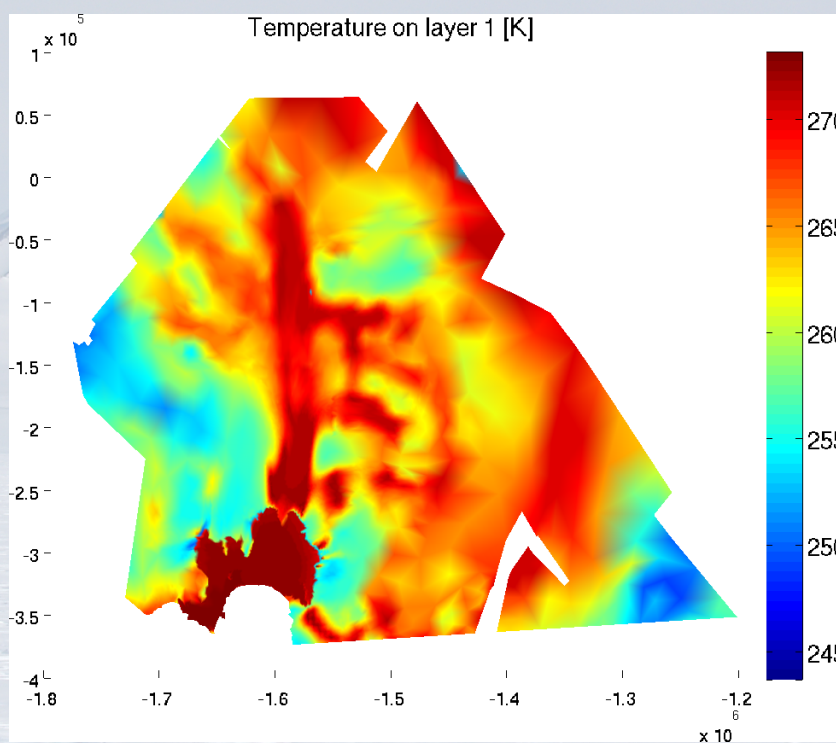


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  - SUPG stabilization
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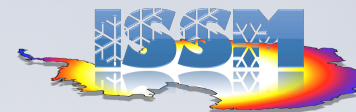


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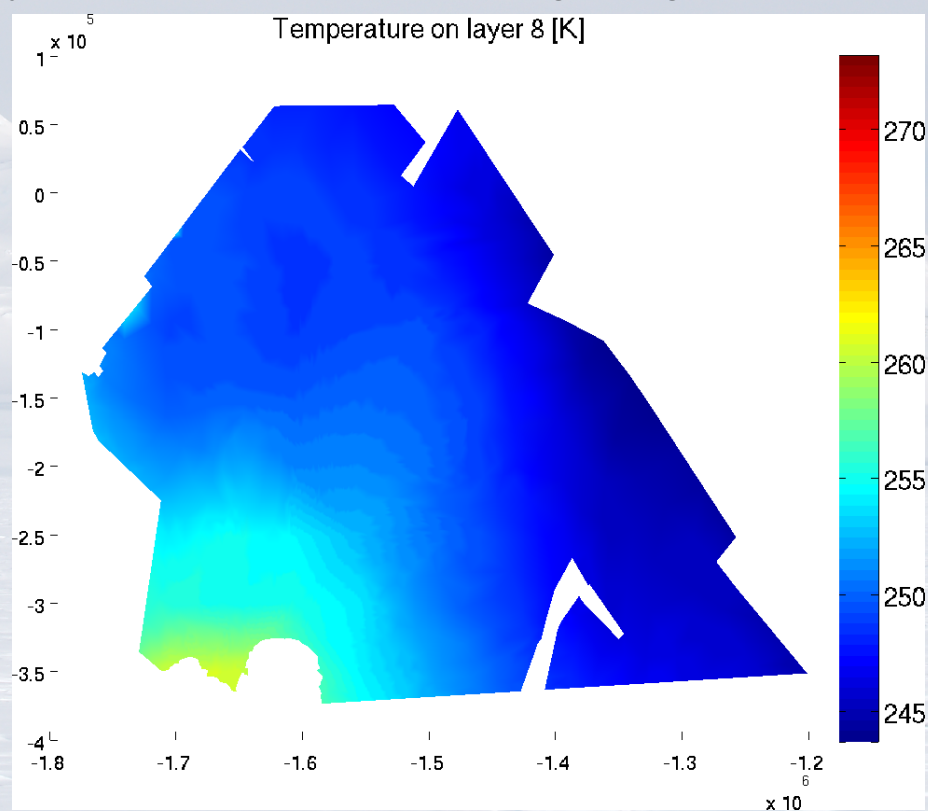


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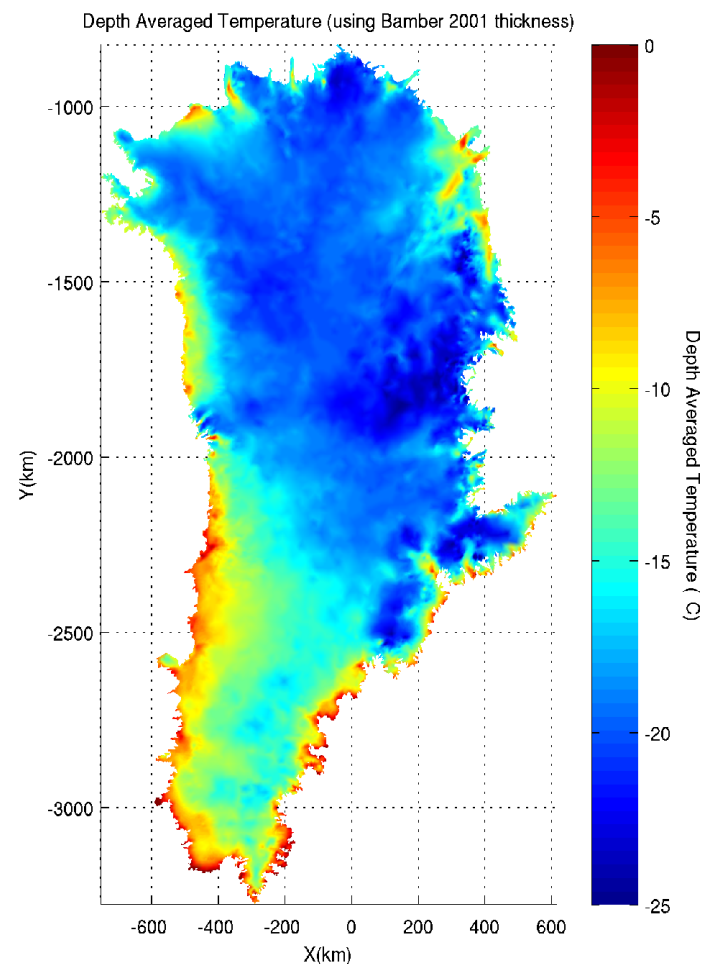
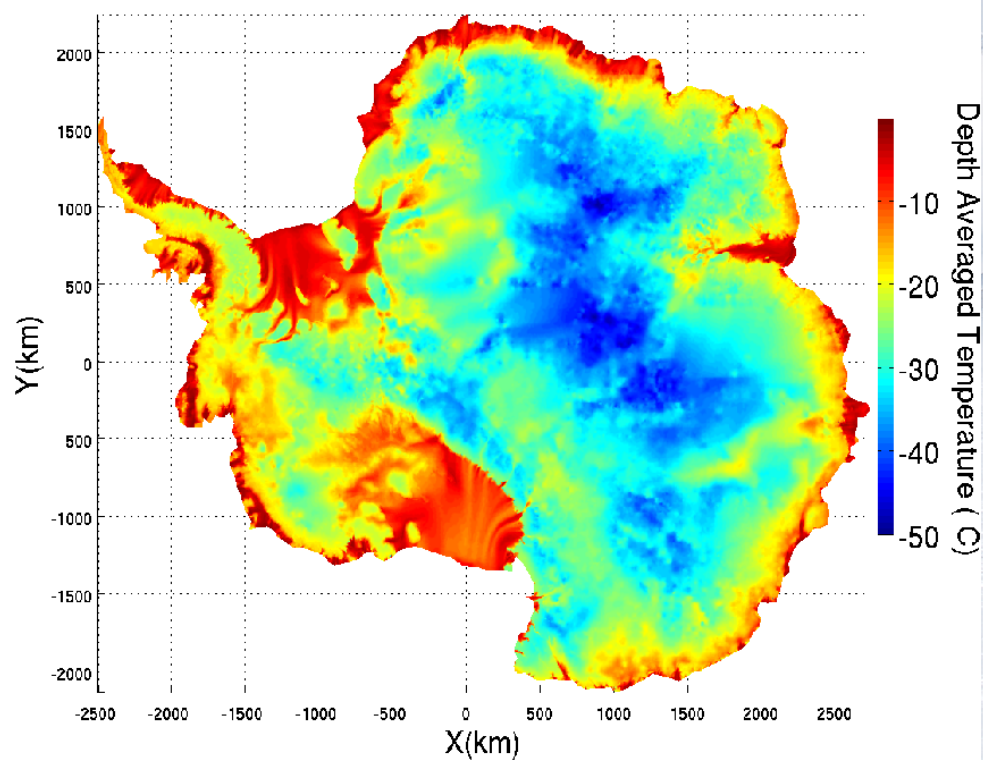


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Thermal regime: steady-state of  
Greenland & Antarctica



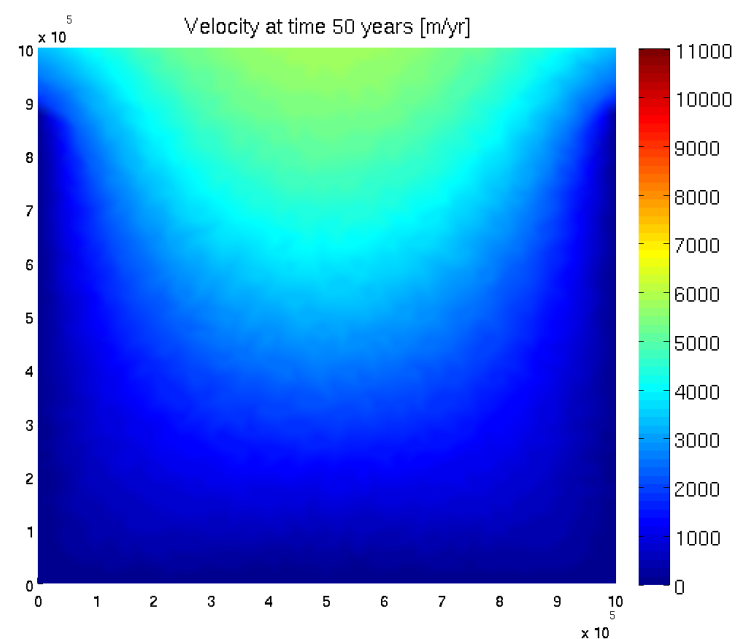
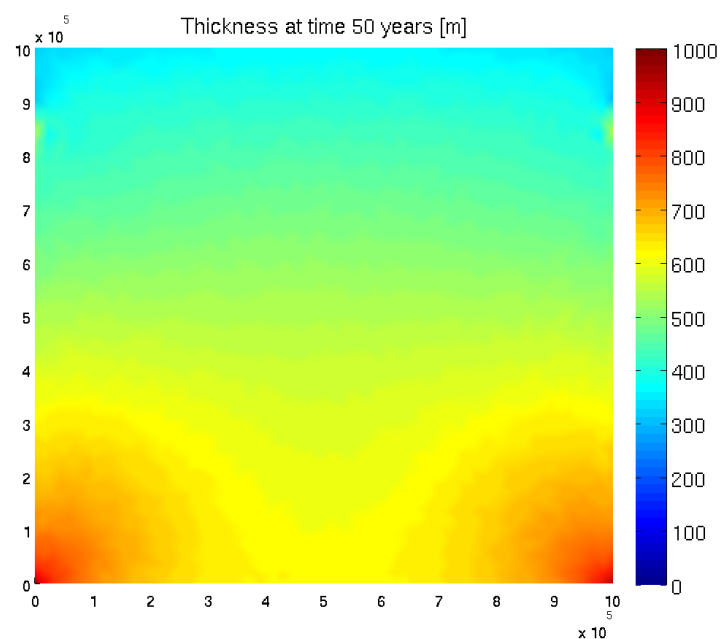


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### Transient



- Simple transient run on a square ice shelf



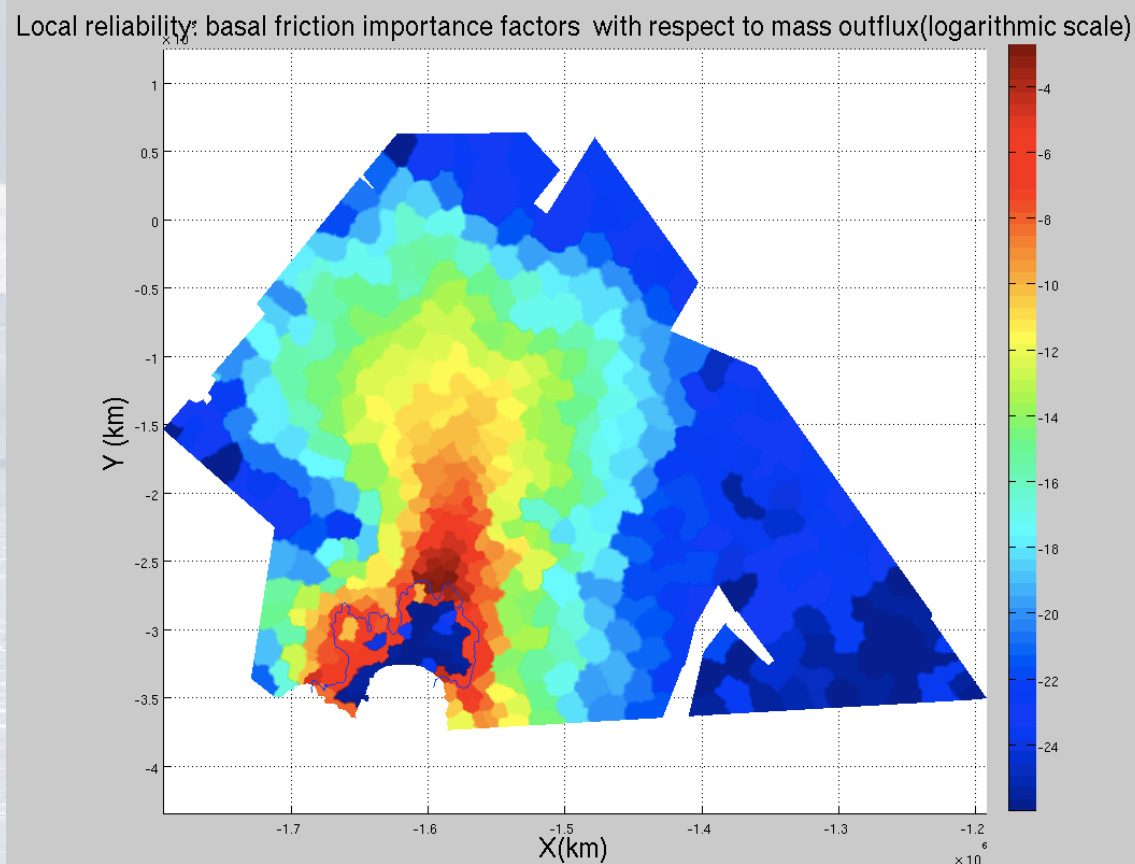


### 3. ISSM capabilities

#### Sensitivity analysis



- Dakota in embedded mode (Sandia National Lab)
  - Local reliability methods
  - Monte-Carlo (Latin Hypercube)
  - Parameter studies
  - Optimization
- For a given mass outflux error bar, it gives the spatial distribution of the precision we need for any dataset.





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### Future capabilities and challenges



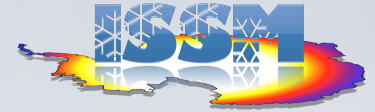
#### Future capabilities:

- Moving boundary conditions
- Grounding line dynamics implemented at the 100 m spatial scale
- Calving law
- Hydrological model
- Ice-ocean interactions

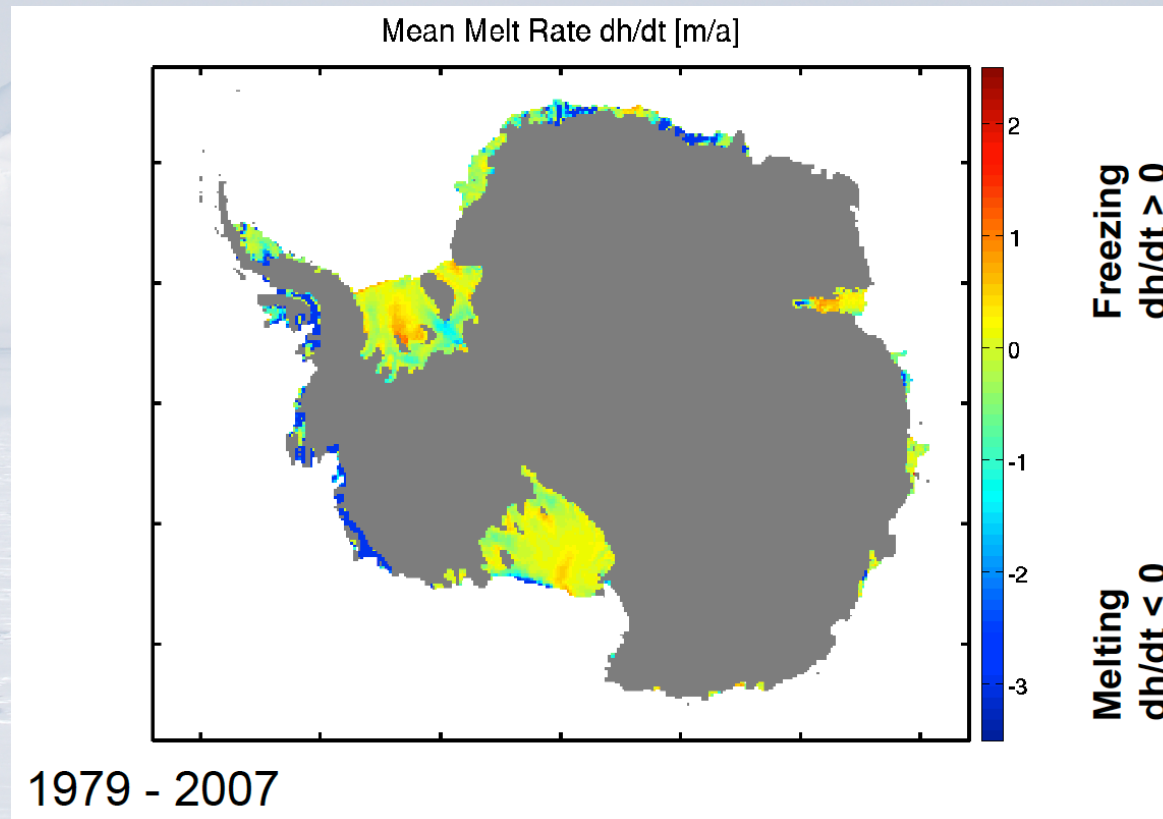


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### ISSM - ECCO2



- Coupling with ECCO2 framework (using MIT GCM)
  - melting under ice shelf cavities implemented by M. Schodlok, 2005
  - other processes: sub-glacial discharge, submarine melting of calving faces (Rignot et al., 2009)







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